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RESERVATION FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided reservation to mentally retarded and mentally challenged persons in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage of reservation provided to such handicapped persons in the Central Government and State Government jobs;

(c) whether this reservation quota would also be applicable to private sector companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d) According to the existing provisions of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, reservation in employment in Central and State Government establishments is provided to persons with locomotor, visual and hearing disabilities only. Reservation quota is not applicable on private sector companies. A new scheme to promote employment in private sector has been announced to cover persons with all types of disabilities recognized under the Persons with Disabilities Act,1995 and the National Trust Act, 1999 which includes persons with mental retardation and mentally challenged persons.